## **AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES**

## **Warden Message**

## Dissolution of the Government of Cote d'Ivoire *February 15, 2010*

On February 12, 2010 President Laurent Gbagbo dissolved the Government of Cote d'Ivoire and disbanded the federal election commission, delegating his Prime Minister, Guillaume Soro, to form a new government by Monday, February 15, 2010.

The United States Embassy in Abidjan and the State Department are monitoring closely the political situation in Cote d'Ivoire and advise U.S. citizens in Cote d'Ivoire that there is potential for spontaneous demonstrations and political unrest and that such events can escalate into violence. U.S. citizens should immediately register with the United States Embassy in Cote d'Ivoire, should stay current on media coverage of local events and be aware of their surroundings at all times.

U.S. citizens traveling abroad should regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website and the U.S. Department of State's, <u>Bureau of Consular Affairs website</u> where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information can be found. The U.S. Embassy also encourages U.S. citizens to review <u>"A Safe Trip Abroad"</u>, which includes valuable security information for those both living and traveling abroad. In addition to information on the Internet, travelers may obtain up-to-date information on security conditions by calling 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the U.S. and Canada, or outside the U.S. and Canada on a regular toll line at 1-202-501-4444.

**REGISTRATION / EMBASSY LOCATION:** U.S. citizens living or traveling in Cote d'Ivoire are encouraged to register with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate at the <u>Department of State's travel registration page</u> in order to obtain updated information on local travel and security. U.S. citizens without Internet access may register directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate. Registration is important; it allows the State Department to assist U.S. citizens in an emergency.

Local embassy information is available below and at the <u>Department of State's list of embassies and consulates</u>.

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